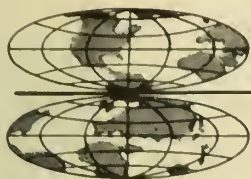


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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States general imports, unadjusted for seasonal variation, from \$1,358.8 million in August to \$1,342.3 million in September¹ reflected decreases in imports from some areas which were partly offset by increases in imports from others. Changes in the dollar values of imports from all areas from August to September were as follows: Canada, from \$319.3 to \$302.1 million, Western Europe, from \$353.2 to \$361.2 million; Latin American Republics, from \$260.2 to \$262.3 million; and "all other countries", from \$426.1 to \$416.8 million.

From August to September increases occurred in imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, from \$344.6 to \$351.7 million and sterling area countries, from \$248.7 to \$254.0 million. Decreases were noted in imports from the continents of North America, Australia and Oceania, and Asia.

The drop in imports from North America from \$428.9 million in August to \$407.7 million in September was primarily due

¹Includes \$27.6 million inadvertently excluded from the unadjusted and seasonally-adjusted September 1962 general imports totals shown in September issue of Report No. FT 900-I. Thus the revised seasonally-adjusted general imports total for September was \$1,498.6 million as compared to the August seasonally-adjusted total of \$1,377.0 million. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

to the substantial decrease in imports from Canada, as noted above, and a lesser decrease in imports from Dominican Republic, from \$14.0 to \$10.2 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania fell from \$46.7 to \$37.4 million owing chiefly to decreases in imports from New Zealand and Western Samoa, from \$17.6 to \$11.5 million; and Australia, from \$28.7 to \$24.8 million. The decrease in imports from Asia, from \$266.8 to \$258.3 million, was largely due to the lower level of imports from Republic of the Philippines, from \$32.6 to \$22.7 million. However, imports from India rose from \$19.2 to \$24.2 million.

The increase in imports from Africa, from \$51.1 to \$62.9 million, reflected a notable increase in imports from Republic of South Africa, from \$15.6 to \$28.6 million; and less noticeable increases in imports from Libya from \$0.4 to \$3.2 million; and Republic of the Congo, from \$5.3 to \$7.3 million. These changes, however, were partly offset by the drop in imports from Ghana, from \$6.7 to \$1.0 million. Imports from South America advanced from \$200.3 to \$207.0 million primarily as the result of increases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: Chile, from \$4.9 to \$9.9 million; Brazil, from \$44.2 to \$48.2 million; Colombia, from \$29.7 to \$31.8 million; and Ecuador, from \$8.1 to \$10.1 million. However, imports from Venezuela declined from \$80.7 to \$75.4 million. Imports from Europe increased slightly from \$361.5 to \$367.7 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchandising or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude

United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under \$100 and all informal entries valued under \$250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

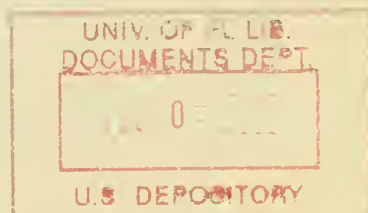
In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedure and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1962 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1961 include all revisions published with the December 1961 reports, or earlier, and the special corrections announced in the January 1962 issue of this report, but do not include other revisions published during 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country ¹	September 1962	August 1962	September 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total trade.....	² 1,342.3	1,358.8	1,197.1	1,227.1
Western Europe.....	361.2	353.2	319.5	338.9
Canada.....	302.1	319.3	283.4	272.6
Latin American Republics.....	262.3	260.2	250.1	267.9
All other countries.....	416.8	426.1	344.1	347.7
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe.....	351.7	344.6	314.1	331.7
Sterling area countries.....	254.0	248.7	206.3	215.0
North America.....	407.7	428.9	373.9	386.6
Greenland.....	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	302.1	319.3	283.4	272.6
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands.....	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico ^a	34.6	33.1	31.2	44.9
Guatemala ^a	1.8	3.2	2.1	5.3
British Honduras ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
El Salvador ^a	3.2	4.0	2.3	3.0
Honduras ^a	2.2	2.3	1.9	2.7
Nicaragua ^a	1.0	1.4	1.1	2.1
Costa Rica ^a	2.9	3.1	2.2	3.3
Republic of Panama ^a	2.4	1.6	2.1	1.9
Canal Zone.....	0.8	0.3	(*)	0.3
Bermuda ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas ^b	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.9
Cuba ^a	(*)	(*)	4.0	2.9
Jamaica ^b	11.5	10.7	6.2	6.1
Haiti ^a	1.4	2.0	1.4	1.6
Dominican Republic ^a	10.2	14.0	7.1	7.5
Leeward and Windward Islands ^b	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Barbados ^b	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^b	10.3	8.0	9.0	7.3
Netherlands Antilles.....	21.7	23.0	18.2	22.9
French West Indies.....	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.7
South America.....	207.0	200.3	199.2	196.7
Colombia ^a	31.8	29.7	21.9	23.0
Venezuela ^a	75.4	80.7	71.2	74.9
British Guiana ^b	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.6
Surinam.....	2.0	3.1	2.8	2.5
French Guiana.....	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Ecuador ^a	10.1	8.1	5.8	4.5
Peru ^a	14.9	15.7	18.0	16.2
Bolivia ^a	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.8
Chile ^a	9.9	4.9	8.1	15.4
Brazil ^a	48.2	44.2	57.3	46.8
Paraguay ^a	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.7
Uruguay ^a	1.1	1.9	1.7	1.9
Argentina ^a	9.4	9.0	8.9	8.5
Falkland Islands ^b.....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	367.7	361.5	327.6	345.8
Iceland ^{b, c, d}	1.6	0.6	1.7	1.0
Sweden ^{c, d}	12.6	11.0	9.9	11.7
Norway ^{c, d}	8.0	7.1	3.8	6.3
Denmark ^{c, d}	7.7	8.1	7.8	9.1

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	September 1962	August 1962	September 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe—Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b,c,d}	77.0	80.7	70.7	75.1
Ireland (Eire) ^{b,c,d}	3.0	2.5	1.9	2.6
Netherlands ^{c,d}	23.3	17.3	19.8	17.3
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c,d}	29.7	29.5	31.6	29.3
France ^{c,d}	31.0	32.0	35.5	36.3
West Germany ^{c,d}	83.1	80.0	67.9	71.3
East Germany	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Austria ^{c,d}	5.1	4.4	4.1	3.8
Czechoslovakia	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8
Hungary	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Switzerland ^{c,d}	19.0	17.4	17.3	15.9
Finland ^c	5.3	4.1	3.1	3.8
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	(*)	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	3.1	4.5	3.5	3.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	2.1	2.1	3.3	1.9
Azores	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Spain ^{c,d}	7.1	6.6	6.3	7.0
Portugal ^{c,d}	3.1	3.5	3.5	3.5
Gibraltar ^b	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta and Gozo ^{3,b}	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Italy ^{c,d}	37.6	41.7	29.4	31.3
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c,d}	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia ^c	4.2	4.5	2.3	3.4
Albania	...	(*)	...	(*)
Greece ^{c,d}	1.3	0.8	1.4	3.9
Rumania	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Turkey ^{c,d}	1.5	1.3	1.7	6.2
Cyprus ^{3,b}	(*)	0.1	...	...
Asia	258.3	266.8	220.9	215.2
Syrian Arab Republic ⁴	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4
Lebanon	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	0.7	0.2	2.5	2.5
Iran (Persia)	3.2	4.4	5.1	5.1
Israel	3.9	3.3	2.6	2.7
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^b	7.3	9.1	7.3	9.1
Saudi Arabia	5.6	6.6	5.4	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	1.2	0.5	2.1	2.1
Aden ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrain ^b	(*)	0.1	0.4	0.1
Afghanistan	0.6	0.5	0.3	1.0
India ^b	24.2	19.2	17.8	21.0
Goa, Damao, and Diu ⁵	...	...	...	...
Pakistan ^b	2.7	2.7	3.3	3.1
Nepal	(*)	...	...	(*)
Ceylon ^b	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.6
Burma ^b	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	3.1	3.0	2.5	3.1
Viet-Nam	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4
Laos	(*)	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.2
Federation of Malaya ^b	15.9	16.3	14.2	12.4
State of Singapore; British Borneo ^b	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	9.4	9.9	14.0	13.6
Republic of the Philippines	22.7	32.6	28.3	26.4
Macao (Macau)	0.1	(*)	(*)	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	0.1	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: SEPTEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Continent and country ^a	September 1962	August 1962	September 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia--Continued				
North Korea.....	(*)	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.6
Hong Kong ^b	16.1	13.1	10.8	10.2
Taiwan (Formosa).....	4.0	6.2	3.8	3.6
Japan.....	129.8	131.9	94.3	87.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.4
Australia and Oceania.....	37.4	46.7	29.5	26.7
Australia ^b	24.8	28.7	16.6	15.3
New Guinea ^b	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa ^{6, b}	11.5	17.6	11.9	10.8
British Western Pacific Islands ^b	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3
French Pacific Islands.....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	(*)	0.4	0.2
Africa.....	62.9	51.1	45.9	55.8
Morocco.....	0.9	0.4	1.0	0.9
Algeria.....	0.7	0.4	(*)	(*)
Tunisia.....	0.4	0.1	(*)	0.1
Libya ^b	3.2	0.4	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt).....	1.1	0.9	0.4	2.9
Sudan.....	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4
Canary Islands.....	0.2	0.3	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.....	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon ⁷	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.....	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.1
Western Africa, n.e.c.....	2.2	3.0	1.5	3.0
Ghana ^b	1.0	6.7	1.6	6.2
Federation of Nigeria ^{8, b}	2.3	4.2	2.4	4.1
British West Africa and Sierra Leone ^{9, b}	0.2	0.1	(*)	0.4
Madeira Islands.....	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.2
Angola.....	2.4	2.7	4.1	2.3
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Liberia.....	2.9	1.8	2.4	2.7
Republic of the Congo.....	7.3	5.3	6.8	4.7
Somali Republic.....	(*)	0.1	0.1	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	1.1	1.5	1.0	2.6
French Somaliland.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^b.....	...	...	...	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika ^{10, b}	3.9	3.7	3.1	4.4
Mozambique.....	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4
Malagasy Republic.....	1.5	0.5	0.3	1.1
Republic of South Africa ^{11, b}	28.6	15.6	18.8	17.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.9
Unidentified Continents ¹²	1.3	3.4	0.2	0.3
Unidentified Countries ¹²	1.3	3.4	0.2	0.3

^aLatin American Republics. ^bSterling area countries. ^cWestern Europe. ^dO.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than \$50,000. ¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. ²Revised from the total of \$1,314.7 million which appeared in the September 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I. See footnote 1 on the front page of this report. ³Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" Shown separately beginning January 1962. Data on imports from Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." ⁴Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). ⁵Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C.", comprising Goa, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor became obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Goa, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." Revisions, correcting the July and August 1962 statistics for the individual countries involved, will appear in the December 1962 errata. ⁶Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. ⁷Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. ⁸Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). ⁹Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. ¹⁰Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. ¹¹Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. ¹²Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments.